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**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE RAPID CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS OF  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) INFECTION IN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the  
Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2003. Applicants hereby request a 1-month  
extension of time in which to file this Amendment.

Enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 1-month extension fee of \$55.00, the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(b) of \$160.00, and any other necessary fees for the above-identified application to Deposit Account 10-0100 for Lackenbach Siegel, LLP. The Applicant claims small entity status.

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